Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-63 (canceled)

Claim 64. (new) A crib comprising:

(a) a base system including two end walls configured from foldable sheet material, each of said end walls configured from a single sheet of material folded over on itself on an end-wall fold such that an outline of a first segment of said end wall on one side of said end-wall fold is substantially a mirror image of at least a portion of an outline of a second segment of said end wall on another side of said end-wall fold, and in a folded position, abutting surfaces of said first and said second segments are fixedly attached; and

(b) at least one wall assembly configured from foldable sheet material and having at least a first preformed fold line so as to form an integral hinge demarcating at least one side wall and at least a portion of a support element, such that a first fold is formed by folding said wall assembly along said first fold line;

wherein each of two opposite ends of said wall assembly interconnects with one of said two end walls such that said two end walls extend below said support element.

Claim 65. (new) The crib of claim 64, wherein said at least one wall assembly is implemented as two wall assemblies, and each of said wall assemblies is configured with a preformed reinforcement rib fold line such that folding said wall assembly along said preformed reinforcement rib fold line forms a reinforcement rib projecting downwardly along an edge of said portion of said support element.

Claim 66. (new) The crib of claim 64, wherein said base system further includes at least one bridging element attached to each of said end walls such that said two end walls are mechanically linked by said bridging element, and said end walls extend below said bridging element, and said bridging element is configured with at least one longitudinal slot configured to accept insertion of at least one reinforcement rib.

Claim 67. (new) The crib of claim 64, wherein each of said end walls further includes at least two horizontally spaced apart downwardly extending engagement slots and said side wall includes at least two upwardly extending engagement slots, each of said engagement slots located in a region adjacent to a lateral extremity of said side wall, and each of said upwardly extending engagement slots of said side wall mates with a corresponding said downwardly extending engagement slot in each of said end walls thereby interconnecting said side wall with said two end walls, and each said end wall is configured from at least two layers of material such that each of said downwardly extending engagement slots is configured from corresponding slot portions formed in each of said layers of said end walls such that each of said downwardly extending engagement slots includes an inwardly projecting ridge.

Claim 68. (new) A crib comprising:

(a) a base system including two end walls configured from foldable sheet material, each of said two end walls having at least two horizontally spaced apart downwardly extending engagement slots;

(b) at least one side wall configured from foldable sheet material and having at least two upwardly extending engagement slots, each of said upwardly extending engagement slots located in a region adjacent to a lateral extremity of said side wall; and

(c) at least one support element interconnected with at least one of said base system and said wall assembly, said support element configured to support a load above a surface upon which the crib stands;

wherein each of said upwardly extending engagement slots of said side wall mates with a corresponding said downwardly extending engagement slot in each of said end walls thereby interconnecting said side wall with said two end walls, and each said end wall is configured from at least two layers of material such that each of said downwardly extending engagement slots is configured from corresponding slot portions formed in each of said layers of said end walls such that each of said downwardly extending engagement slots includes an inwardly projecting ridge.

Claim 69. (new)The crib of claim 68, wherein each of said end walls is configured from a separate single sheet of material folded over on itself on an end-wall fold such that an outline of a first segment of said end wall on one side of said end-wall fold is a mirror image of at least a portion of an outline of a second segment of said end wall on another side of said end-wall fold, and each of said wall assemblies is further configured with a preformed reinforcement rib fold line such that folding said wall assembly along said preformed reinforcement rib fold line forms a reinforcement rib projecting downwardly along an edge of said support element.

Claim 70. (new) The crib of claim 68, wherein said base system further includes at least one bridging element attached to each of said end walls such that said two end walls are mechanically linked by said bridging element, and said end walls extend below said bridging element.

Claim 71. (new) The crib of claim 68, wherein each of said upwardly extending engagement slots is configured from at least two layers of material such that corresponding slot portions formed in each of said layers of said side walls such that each of said upwardly extending engagement slots includes a surface channel for engaging said projecting ridge.

Claim 72. (new) A crib comprising:

(a) a base system configured from foldable sheet material, said base system including:

(b) two end walls; and

(c) at least one bridging element attached to each of said end walls such that said two end walls are mechanically linked by said bridging element, such that said end walls extend above and below said bridging element, and said bridging element is configured with at least one longitudinal slot configured to accept insertion of at least one reinforcement rib;

(c) at least one side wall configured from foldable sheet material, wherein each of two opposite ends of said side wall interconnects with one of said two end walls such that said two end walls extend below said support element; and

(d) at least one support element configured to interconnect with at least one of said base system and said side wall, said support element configured to rest on said bridging element;

wherein each of two opposite ends of said wall assembly interconnects with one of said two end walls such that said two end walls extend below said support element.

Claim 73. (new) The crib of claim 72, wherein each of said end walls further includes at least two horizontally spaced apart downwardly extending engagement slots and said side wall includes at least two upwardly extending engagement slots, each of said engagement slots located in a region adjacent to a lateral extremity of said side wall, and each of said upwardly extending engagement slots of said side wall mates with a corresponding said downwardly extending engagement slot in each of said end walls thereby interconnecting said side wall with said two end walls.

Claim 74. (new) The crib of claim 72, wherein said at least one wall assembly is implemented as two wall assemblies, and each of said wall assemblies is further configured with a preformed reinforcement rib fold line such that folding said wall assembly along said preformed reinforcement rib fold line forms a reinforcement rib projecting downwardly along an edge said support element.

Claim 75. (new) The crib of claim 72, wherein said bridging element is configured such that each end is folded so as to form attachment flaps to facilitate attachment to said end walls.

Claim 76. (new) The crib of claim 75, wherein said longitudinal slot extends into said attachment flaps so as to form stabilizing slots adjacent to surfaces of each of said end wall, said stabilizing slots accepting terminal edges of said reinforcement rib.

Claim 77. (new) The crib of claim 72, wherein said bridging element is configured with at least one preformed lateral fold line such that folding said bridging element along said preformed lateral fold line render said base system in a compact storage state.

Claim 78. (new) The crib of claim 72, wherein each of side end walls further includes at least two horizontally spaced apart downwardly extending engagement slots and said side wall includes at least two upwardly extending engagement slots, each of said engagement slots located in a region adjacent to a lateral extremity of said side wall, and each of said upwardly extending engagement slots of said side wall mates with a corresponding said downwardly extending engagement slot in each of said end walls thereby interconnecting said side wall with said two end walls, each said end wall is configured from at least two layers of material such that each of said downwardly extending engagement slots is configured from corresponding slot portions formed in each of said layers of said end walls such that each of said downwardly extending engagement slots includes an inwardly projecting ridge, and each of said upwardly extending engagement slots is configured from at least two layers of material such that corresponding slot portions formed in each of said layers of said side walls such that each of said upwardly extending engagement slots includes a surface channel for engaging said projecting ridge.

Claim 79. (new) The crib of claim 72, wherein said base system is integrally formed from a single sheet of folded material such that folds demarcate said bridging element from said two end walls.

Claim 80. (new) A method for constructing a crib comprising:

(a) providing a base system including two end walls configured from foldable sheet material and a bridging element configured with at least one longitudinal slot, such that said two end walls are mechanically linked by said bridging element, and said end walls extend below said bridging element;

(b) folding a first fold in at least one wall assembly configured from foldable sheet material along at least a first preformed fold line so as to form at least one side wall and at least a portion of a support element, said first fold line forming an integral hinge demarcating said one side wall and said at least a portion of a support element; and

(c) interconnecting each of two opposite ends of said wall assembly with one of said two end walls such that said two end walls extend below said support element.

Claim 81. (new) The method of claim 80, further comprising forming each of said end walls from a separate single sheet of material by folding an end-wall blank over on itself along an end-wall fold such that an outline of a first segment of said end wall on one side of said end-wall fold is substantially a mirror image of at least a portion of an outline of a second segment of said end wall on another side of said end-wall fold, and fixedly attaching abutting surfaces of said first and said second segments, when said end-wall blank is folded.

Claim 82. (new) The method of claim 80, wherein said at least one wall assembly is implemented as two wall assemblies.

Claim 83. (new) The method of claim 82, further comprising forming each said wall assembly from a single sheet by folding a wall-assembly blank over on itself along a side-wall fold such that an outline of a first section of said side wall on one side of said side-wall fold is substantially a mirror image of at least a portion of an outline of a second section of said side wall on another side of said side-wall fold, and fixedly attaching abutting surfaces of said first and second sections of said side wall, when said wall-assembly blank is folded.

Claim 84. (new) The method of claim 82, further comprising folding each said wall assembly along a preformed reinforcement rib fold line so as to form a reinforcement rib projecting downwardly along an edge of said portion of said support element.

Claim 85. (new) The method of claim 84, further comprising inserting at least one said reinforcement rib into said least one longitudinal slot.

Claim 86. (new) The method of claim 84, further comprising rotating said end walls about at least one fold line so as to be variable between a compact storage state and an assembly state.

Claim 87. (new) The method of claim 84, wherein said interconnecting includes engaging ones of at least two horizontally spaced apart downwardly extending engagement slots in each of said end walls with corresponding ones of at least two upwardly extending engagement slots in each of said side wall, each of said upwardly extending engagement slots located in a region adjacent to a lateral extremity of said side wall, each said end wall is implemented as at least two attached layers of material such that each of said downwardly extending engagement slots is configured from corresponding slot portions formed in each of said layers of said end walls such that each of said downwardly extending engagement slots includes an inwardly projecting ridge, and each of said side walls is implemented as at least two attached layers such that each of said upwardly extending engagement slots is configured such that corresponding slot portions formed in each of said layers of said side walls and each of said upwardly extending engagement slots includes a surface channel for engaging said projecting ridge.